



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ryoichi Mukai )  
 Serial No.: 10/008,713 )  
 Conf. No.: 5134 )  
 Filed: December 7, 2001 )  
 For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, )  
 METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
 THE SAME MEDIUM AND )  
 MAGNETIC DISC DRIVE )  
 Art Unit: 1773 )  
 Examiner: Rickman, Holly C. )

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Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	x \$18.00	= \$ <u>-0-</u>
Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	x \$84.00	= \$ <u>-0-</u>
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$280.00	= \$ <u>-0-</u>
			Total Additional Fee		\$ <u>-0-</u>
			Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)		

(X) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in duplicate with check for \$750.00.

(X) Amendment B.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

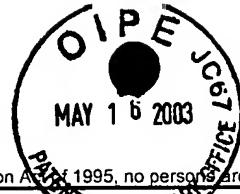
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Application Number	10/008,713
Filing Date	December 7, 2001
First Named Inventor	Ryoichi Mukai
Art Unit	1773
Examiner Name	Rickman, Holly C.
Attorney Docket Number	0671.66045

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a

period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

a.  Deposit Account No. 07-2069

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i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii.  Other Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16-1.17.

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 13, 2003, please amend  
the above-identified Application as follows: